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MISSION COVERAGE INDEX  
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22 MAY 1964



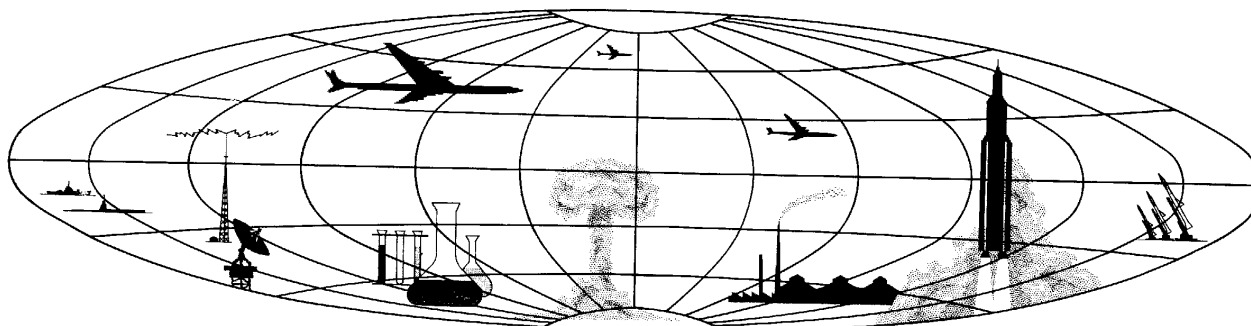
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#### PREFACE

25X1 THIS MISSION COVERAGE INDEX (MCI) LISTS THE INTELLIGENCE TARGETS IMAGED ON THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF [ ] MISSIONS 3768, 3777, 3783, 3784 DATED 22 MAY 1964 AND COVERING LAOS. ITEMS ARE ARRANGED IN SECTIONS --

SECTION I PROVIDES SHORT DESCRIPTIONS FOR NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS AND PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS SHOWING CHANGES, AND ALSO PROVIDES ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

SECTION II PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH REFLECT NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES FROM THE MOST ADEQUATE PREVIOUS DESCRIPTION. THE MCI IN WHICH THIS DESCRIPTION APPEARS IS DESIGNATED BY THE APPROPRIATE MISSION NUMBER, PREFIXED BY THE LETTERS NAC AND APPEARING AS THE LAST ENTRY ON THE PHOTO REFERENCE LINE. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FACILITIES AND WHERE NO ORDER OF BATTLE CAN BE DETERMINED ARE LISTED UNDER THIS SECTION.

SECTION III PROVIDES A LISTING OF THOSE TARGETS WHICH COULD BE IDENTIFIED BUT NOT INTERPRETED.

TARGETS IN EACH OF THE SECTIONS ARE ARRANGED 1) BY COUNTRY, 2) WITHIN THE COUNTRY ACCORDING TO SUBJECT, 3) WITHIN THE SUBJECT BY WAC AREA, AND 4) WITHIN THE WAC AREA BY GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES IN ASCENDING ORDER. AN EXPLANATION OF COLUMN HEADINGS AND PHOTO

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REFERENCES USED IN PRESENTING THE INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN THE APPENDIX. THE MAP BASE USED (WHEN AVAILABLE) FOR THE DERIVATION OF COORDINATES IN THIS MCI IS THE LATEST EDITION OF THE AMS SERIES L509, SCALE 1:250,000.

THE USER OF THIS MCI IS CAUTIONED THAT THE SCAN OF PHOTOGRAPHY WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A RELATIVELY SHORT TIME AND OFTEN WITHOUT THE AID OF PRECISE ANALYTICAL AND MENSURAL TECHNIQUES COMMONLY EMPLOYED IN DETAILED PHOTOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION PRESENTED HEREIN IS ESSENTIALLY ACCURATE, ADDITIONAL, DETAILED ANALYSIS MAY SOMEWHAT ALTER PORTIONS OF THE INFORMATION.

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## SECTION I

THIS SECTION PROVIDES SUMMARY INFORMATION FOR A) NEWLY IDENTIFIED TARGETS, B) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TARGETS WHICH SHOW A CHANGE, AND C) ALL TARGETS SHOWING ORDER OF BATTLE INFORMATION.

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Target	Coordinates	WAC	Target Numbers	
			BE	NPIC
<p>-LAOS-</p> <p>AIR INSTALLATIONS</p> <p>MUONG PHALANE AIRFIELD</p> <p>1.8 NM NW OF MUONG PHALANE.</p> <p>APPROXIMATELY 1,100 X 150 FT ENE/WSW SOD</p> <p>PROBABLE LANDING STRIP, PROBABLY SERVICEABLE</p> <p>FOR LIGHT AIRCRAFT.</p> <p>AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <div></div>	1640N 10534E	0617		357
<p>THAKHEK AIRFIELD NEW</p> <p>3 NM ESE OF THAKHEK.</p> <p>NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE</p> <div></div> <p>AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <div></div>	1722N 10450E	0617	<div></div>	125-A
<p>THAKHEK AIRFIELD</p> <p>ONE NM NE OF THAKHEK.</p> <p>NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE</p> <div></div> <p>AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <div></div>	1724N 10449E	0617		125
<p>BAN PHAN HOP AIRFIELD</p> <p>IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF BAN PHAN HOP AND 9 NM SW</p> <p>OF THE LAOTIAN-SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AT UTM</p>	1732N 10544E	0617		199

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<p>WE792397. 2,000 X 100 FT NNW/SSE SOD RUNWAY, UNSERVICEABLE. FACILITIES INCLUDE ONE SMALL SHED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE NNW END OF THE RUNWAY. NUMEROUS TRACKS OBSERVED THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND CROSSING THE RUNWAY. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 400px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>				
<p>BAN NA VENG AIRFIELD 0.5 NM NE OF BAN NA VENG AT UTM WE216457. 2,000 X 50 FT NW/SE SOD LANDING STRIP, SERVICEABLE. NO SUPPORT FACILITIES OBSERVED. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 300px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	1737N 10511E	0617		380-A
<p>LAK SAO AIRFIELD ONE NM SOUTH OF LAK SAO. APPROXIMATELY 3,000 X 115 FT N/S SOD LANDING STRIP, SERVICEABLE. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 300px; margin-top: 10px;"></div>	1811N 10459E	0617		113
<p>SARAVANE AIRFIELD SW EDGE OF SARAVANE. 5,000 X 130 FT NE/SW LATERITE RUNWAY, SERVICEABLE. TWO HUNDRED-TEN FT OF THE SW</p>	1542N 10624E	0738		103

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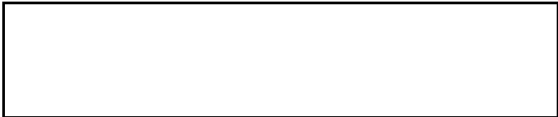
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END OF RUNWAY IS BEING USED BY TRAFFIC ON ADJACENT ROAD WHICH BRANCHES OFF ROUTE 23 IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. ONE SUPPORT BUILDING OBSERVED AT NE END OF RUNWAY. AIRCRAFT -- NONE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]				
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
BAN THAT HAI AREA, MILITARY AREA SCATTERED TRENCH SYSTEMS OBSERVED 1.2 NM NE AND 1.2 NM ESE OF BAN THAT HAI AT UTM XD025015 AND XC030994. [REDACTED]	1617N 10557E	0617		375
BAN SA NOUNE, MILITARY AREA 10 NM EAST OF MUONG PHALANE AND 3.5 NM NNE OF BAN SA NOUNE AT UTM WD759315. NUMEROUS INFANTRY EMBLACEMENTS AND TRENCH SYSTEMS OBSERVED ON BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 9 WHERE IT CROSSES THE HOUEI SALENE (RIVER). [REDACTED]	1634N 10542E	0617		373
BAN A LOUEI, MILITARY AREA 4.2 NM WNW OF BAN A LOUEI AT UTM WD765310 ON BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 9. LARGE AREA WITH AT LEAST 15 BUILDINGS DISPERSED IN WOODS. EXTENSIVE TRENCHING OBSERVED THROUGHOUT AREA. [REDACTED]	1634N 10543E	0617		367



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25X1  MUONG PHALANE MILITARY CAMP AT MUONG PHALANE ON EAST BANK OF SE SANG SOI (RIVER) AT UTM WD601417. MILITARY CAMP CONTAINS 3 BARRACKS, ONE MESS HALL, ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, AND 5 SUPPORT BUILDINGS. TRENCHES OBSERVED ON NORTH SIDE OF THE AREA. PARTIALLY SECURED STORAGE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF MILITARY CAMP CONTAINS 3 STORAGE BUILDINGS.	1639N 10534E	0617		357-D
25X1  BAN NAM POI AREA, CHECKPOINT 2 NM SE OF BAN NAM POI ON ROUTE 9. THIRTY SMALL HUTS OR SHEDS ENCLOSED BY 2 SECURITY FENCES, AND TRENCH SYSTEM.	1639N 10537E	0617		357-C
25X1  MUONG PHALANE AREA, STRONGPOINTS THREE STRONGPOINTS IN MUONG PHALANE VICINITY. AREA A 13 NM EAST OF MUONG PHALANE AT UTM	1639N 10538E	0617		357-A

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<p>WD644415) -- FENCE AND TRENCH SECURED AREA CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 40 HUTS.</p> <p>AREA B (6 NM ESE AT UTM WD676401) -- NUMEROUS TRENCHES AND SMALL HUTS OBSERVED ON BOTH SIDES OF A ROAD CUT BY A TRENCH.</p> <p>AREA C (5 NM ENE) -- 3 HUTS ENCLOSED BY A SMALL CIRCULAR TRENCH NETWORK.</p> <div></div>				
<p>BAN LA NONG AREA, SUSPECT MILITARY AREA</p> <p>CIRCULAR TRENCH SYSTEM OBSERVED ON WEST SIDE OF ROUTE 23, .5 NM SOUTH OF BRIDGE OVER THE SE BANG HIENG (RIVER) AT UTM XC030991.</p> <p>A SECOND CIRCULAR TRENCH SYSTEM OBSERVED .5 NM NORTH OF THE BRIDGE AND ON THE WEST SIDE OF ROUTE 23 AT UTM XD022010.</p> <div></div>	1613N 10600E	0617		375-A
<p>BAN HOU EI SANE, MILITARY AREAS</p> <p>THREE MILITARY AREAS IN BAN HOU EI SANE VICINITY. (AREAS REFERENCED FROM BAN HOU EI SANE.)</p> <p>AREA A (ON NE EDGE AT UTM XD645358) -- 7 BARRACKS-TYPE, ONE ADMINISTRATION/MESS, AND 10 SUPPORT BUILDINGS. NO EVIDENCE OF</p>	1636N 10632E	0617		217

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SECURITY.  AREA B (1,500 FT NW AT UTM XD639362) -- CIRCULAR ENTRENCHED AREA CONTAINS AT LEAST 12 SMALL BUILDINGS/HUTS. TREE COVER PRECLUDES ACCURATE COUNT.  AREA C (1.5 NM SW AT UTM XD634340) -- A CIRCULAR ENTRENCHED AREA CONTAINS NUMEROUS SMALL HUTS/SHELTERS. <div data-bbox="142 1226 669 1289"></div>				
BAN RHO AREA, BORDER STRONGPOINT ONE NM ESE OF BAN RHO ON THE LAOTIAN-SOUTH VIETNAM BORDER AT UTM XD699381. NO APPARENT CHANGE IN FACILITIES SINCE <div data-bbox="142 1415 542 1436"></div> ONE UTILITY TRUCK OBSERVED. <div data-bbox="142 1465 649 1575"></div>	1637N 10636E	0617		272-C
BAN DONG, MILITARY AREAS THREE MILITARY AREAS IN BAN DONG VICINITY.  AREA A (ADJACENT TO ROUTE 9 HIGHWAY BRIDGE OVER THE KOUSSON RIVER AT 16-39N 106-25E) -- RECTANGULAR FENCED AREA CONTAINS ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL BUILDING SURROUNDED BY PERSONNEL TRENCHES.  AREA B (JUNCTION OF ROUTE 9 AND BAN DONG ROAD AT 16-39N 106-26E) -- RECTANGULAR CLEARED	1638N 10625E	0617		270

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AREA CONTAINS PERSONNEL TRENCHES AND AW POSITIONS.  AREA C (.5 NM WNW OF BAN DONG) -- PROBABLE STORAGE AREA CONTAINS 3 BUILDINGS. ONE TRUCK OBSERVED IN AREA.  <div>25X1</div> <div></div>				
BAN KHOUAN PHO, MILITARY AREA Ø.5 NM NNW OF BAN KHOUAN PHO AT UTM WE454352. EXTENSIVE TRACKAGE AND POSSIBLE OLD TRENCHING OBSERVED. <div>25X1</div> <div></div>	1730N 10526E	Ø617		378
BAN LANG KHANG, STRONGPOINT EAST EDGE OF BAN LANG KHANG AT UTM WE777412. STRONGPOINT CONSISTS OF A CLEARED RECTANGULAR AREA WITH PERSONNEL TRENCHES. <div>25X1</div> <div></div>	1733N 10544E	Ø617		199-A
BAN BOUNG BAU AREA, MILITARY AREA Ø.6 NM SE OF BAN BOUNG BAU. WOODED AREA CONTAINS AT LEAST 6 BARRACKS/ SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND CONSIDERABLE TRACK ACTIVITY. SIX AW POSITIONS OBSERVED WEST OF ROUTE 12. <div>25X1</div> <div></div>	1734N 10514E	Ø617		369

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<div>25X1</div> <div></div> <p>BAN LANG KHANG, REST/REFUEL/SUPPLY POINT IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF JUNCTION OF ROUTES 12 AND 12A AT 17-34N 109-43E AND UTM WE771427. REST/REFUEL/SUPPLY POINT CONSISTS OF 4 DISPERSED AREAS CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10 BUILDINGS CONCEALED IN TREES.</p> <div>25X1</div> <div></div> <p>BAN NA PHO, MILITARY AREA AT BAN NA PHO AND UTM WE548441. FENCED RECTANGULAR AREA ON NORTH SIDE OF ROUTE 12 CONTAINS 6 BUILDINGS AND SCATTERED PERSONNEL TRENCHING.</p> <div>25X1</div> <div></div> <p>BAN NHOMMARATH KEO, MILITARY AREA SE EDGE OF BAN NHOMMARATH KEO. NO MILITARY ACTIVITY OBSERVED EXCEPT FOR TRENCH SYSTEMS. ALL BUILDINGS IN FORMER MILITARY CAMP HAVE BEEN RAZED. TWO LARGE PROBABLE STORAGE BUILDINGS OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF ROUTE 8. TRENCHES AND AW POSITIONS OBSERVED IN BAN THONG LOUAN, ACROSS SMALL RIVER TO THE SOUTH. (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED <div>25X1</div><div>25X1</div><div></div> AS BAN THONG LOUAN,</p>	1734N 10543E	0617		199-D
	1735N 10530E	0617		362
	1738N 10509E	0617		365

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MILITARY AREA). [REDACTED]				
NAPE AREA, MILITARY AREA APPROXIMATELY 2 NM SE OF NAPE AT UTM COORDINATES WF100235. ENTRENCHED HILL AND 2 BUILDINGS OBSERVED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF ROAD. NO OTHER MILITARY ACTIVITY OR EQUIPMENT OBSERVED.	1819N 10504E	0617		118-A
[REDACTED]				
SARAVANE, STRONGPOINT SW EDGE OF SARAVANE AND NE EDGE OF SARAVANE AIRFIELD AT UTM XC524369. A SECURED STRONGPOINT CONTAINS 2 BARRACKS, ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 5 MISCELLANEOUS SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND A PERIMETER TRENCH SYSTEM.	1542N 10624E	0738		103-M
[REDACTED]				
SARAVANE SW STRONGPOINT 1.5 NM SW OF SARAVANE AT UTM XC371508. A SECURED TRIANGULAR STRONGPOINT CONTAINS 7 BUILDINGS AND A TRENCH SYSTEM.	1543N 10624E	0738		103-L
[REDACTED]				
SARAVANE ARMY BARRACKS SOUTH SE EDGE OF SARAVANE. AREA CONTAINS 14 BARRACKS, ONE MESS HALL, ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 4 SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND PERIMETER TRENCHWORKS.	1543N 10626E	0738	[REDACTED]	103-A

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AIRCRAFT --- 3 HELICOPTERS. <div></div>				

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-LAOS-				
AIR INSTALLATIONS				
BAN HOU EI SANE AREA, LANDING STRIP	1636N 10633E	0617		217-A
25X1				
TCHEPONE AIRFIELD	1643N 10612E	0617		124
25X1				25X1
LAK SAO AIRFIELD	1811N 10459E	0617		113
25X1				
NAPE AREA, LANDING AREA	1818N 10505E	0617		118
25X1				
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
MUONG PHINE, MILITARY AREA	1632N 10602E	0617		192
25X1				

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25X1	BAN THAY, MILITARY AREA <div></div>	1635N 10604E	0617		192-A
25X1	BAN KHA DAP, PROBABLE MILITARY CAMP <div></div>	1637N 10630E	0617		411
25X1	TCHEPONE, STRONGPOINT <div></div>	1641N 10614E	0617		124-F
25X1	TCHEPONE, MILITARY AREAS <div></div>	1642N 10613E	0617		124-C
25X1	BAN THONG LOUAN, MILITARY AREA <div></div>	1736N 10511E	0617		215

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<div></div> BAN NA VENG AREA, MILITARY AREA	1737N 10514E	0617		380
<div></div> LAK SAO ARMY BARRACKS	1811N 10459E	0617	<div></div>	113-A
<div></div>  -SOUTH VIETNAM-  AIR INSTALLATIONS  LAO BAD AIRFIELD	1636N 10635E	0617		272-A
<div></div>  MILITARY INSTALLATIONS  LAO BAD AREA, MILITARY CAMP	1637N 10636E	0617		272

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-LAOS-				
AIR INSTALLATIONS				
MUONG PHALANE AIRFIELD	1640N 10534E	0617		357
25X1 [REDACTED]				
MILITARY INSTALLATIONS				
TCHEPONE BARRACKS/STORAGE FACILITY	1640N 10614E	0617		124-G
25X1 [REDACTED]				
THAKHET AREA, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS	1724N 10448E	0617		125-C
25X1 [REDACTED]				

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## APPENDIX

### COLUMN HEADINGS

City, Installation--This column contains the name of the city or town nearest the installation, followed by the name of the installation. If the name of the installation is not known, it is titled according to its function. Where appropriate, the city and installation names are followed by a capsule description.

Coordinates--Coordinates are referenced to the SW corner of the minute square. When the subject installation covers a wide area, coordinates are given for the approximate center of the installation.

WAC--This column provides the World Aeronautical Chart number for that area in which the subject installation is situated.

Installation Numbers--This column is divided into two subcolumns. The first subcolumn lists, when known, the BE installation number assigned to the installation. The second subcolumn lists the installation number assigned by NPIC. Installation numbers, when used to reference an item, should be prefixed by the appropriate WAC number, since installation numbers are repeated from WAC to

WAC. For example, there is an NPIC target number 0499-15-A and an NPIC target number 0498-15-A. In each instance, the NPIC installation number is 15-A, but the installations appear on different WAC charts.

### COMOR TARGET NUMBERS

Target numbers assigned by the Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance (COMOR), when available, are listed directly above the photo reference data.

### PHOTO REFERENCE DATA

The photo reference data indicates the frame(s) on which the installation appears.

### CONDITIONS AFFECTING PHOTOGRAPHY

Following the photo reference data, symbols indicate conditions which affect the appearance of the installation on the photography. The symbols are: C (clear); SC (scattered clouds); HC (heavy clouds); SC-HC (scattered-to-heavy clouds); H (haze); CS (cloud shadow); SD (semi-darkness); O (obliquity); and PQ (poor image quality).

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